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City of Salisbury Animal Control to Merge with Rowan County Animal Control Services on July 1

Salisbury Citizens to begin Reporting Animal Complaints and Concerns to Rowan County Animal Control beginning Next Month

Salisbury, NC_June 16, 2009 – The City of Salisbury offers a reminder to citizens that the City of Salisbury's Animal Control Services will merge with Rowan County on July 1, 2009. On that date, Salisbury residents should begin contacting Rowan County Animal Control with regards to animal-related concerns, observations, and complaints. Rowan County's Animal Control Services include cases of possible rabid animals, dog and cat bites, vicious dogs, and cruelty and abandonment cases. In addition, Rowan County Animal Control Services may be contacted with regards to stray animals running loose, including dogs, cats, and livestock.

The Salisbury City Council approved a merger of the Salisbury Animal Control function with that of the Rowan County Animal Control Services Division on May 5, 2009. Beginning, July 1, Salisbury citizens will no longer report these animal-related complaints to the Salisbury Police Department. Citizens may begin contacting the Rowan County Animal Control Office by calling 704-216-7768 during normal operating hours. The county Animal Control hours of operation are as follows: Monday-Friday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm and on Saturday: 8 am – 11:30 am. Outside of normal business hours, callers are asked to please call 9-1-1 for assistance with emergencies only.

For more information regarding the merger, Salisbury residents are asked to please contact Salisbury Police Deputy Chief Rory Collins at 704-638-2133. For more information regarding Rowan County Animal Control Services, please call 704-216-7768 and speak with Officer Clai Martin, Rowan County Animal Control Supervisor.

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